

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting
March 1, 2021 at 2:00pm
Sierraville School
Sierraville, CA

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Note: this is audio ONLY

Phone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 995 7030 5292

Approved

Minutes

- 1. Meeting called to order at 2:07pm.**
- 2. Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Chad Smith, Bryan Griffin
Others in Attendance: Danielle Bradfield, Wes Teichert, Victoria Fisher, Bryan Coombs, Tracy Schohr
Attendance via Teleconference: Quentin Youngblood, Ruby Burks, Kevin Mecham, Supervisor Paul Roen
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda. Director Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.*
- 4. Public Comment**
**None.*
- 5. Approval of February 2020 Minutes**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the November 2020 minutes. Director Griffin seconded the motion as amended. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
- 6. Announcements**
**Director Roberti mentioned that Beth Christensen has a project proposed in the Lacey Meadows area that may be of interest for the RCD to review. A future special meeting may be held to review the project and provide commentary.*
- 7. Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director's Update**
**Director Roberti motioned to approve 4 hours work for each month through the end of fiscal year 2020-2021. Director Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. Victoria reported that there is \$6,139.16 in the bank account.*
- 8. Discussion/Action: UCCE Update, Tracy Schohr**
**Tracy reported that the dry weather continues to be a trend and she is still monitoring pasture production for reporting purposes. Also, Butte County is still developing plans for a livestock and disaster pass for producers to utilize during an emergency event. This would be in coordination with law enforcement. She hopes to work with other counties on this in the future as well.*
- 9. Discussion/Action: Smithneck WUI Forest Health & Fuels Reduction Project**

*A packet was passed around providing details on a potential project in the Smithneck WUI area. This proposal could potentially be submitted to Sierra Nevada Conservancy under the RCD's name. Quentin Youngblood gave a project overview to the board and the Board followed up with questions regarding the project. One request relayed to the board was from Einen Grandi who uses an allotment located along the Smithneck corridor. Due to the overgrowth and lack of maintenance he has trouble moving his cattle through so he ask that the Board keep in mind the possibility of fuels reduction in this area to allow for more efficient grazing. It was determined that it may be beneficial to reach out to Einen to discuss his concerns to see if it would fit within the phase 2 portion of this project. *Director Tipton motioned to put forward a pre-application to SNC following a positive outcome from a phone conversation with Einen Grandi. Director Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.*

10. Discussion/Action: Legacy Restoration Project

*Director Roberti would like to see some workshops on meadow improvements and future discussion over purchasing a range land drill. Tracy feels that this would be a potential grant to work with NRCS on. One option would be to have the RCD host future workshops. Another would be to investigate whether future RAC funding could assist with the purchase of a range drill.

11. Discussion/Action: Committee/Agency Reports

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**Note: Director Roberti would like to add the following discussions to future agendas: forage and water enhancement options, topics to pursue for a cattlemen's update, weed treatments.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:07pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00pm, location TBD